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SENATE BILL No. 322

DIGEST OF SB 322 (Updated January 29, 2014 8:19 pm - DI 71)

Citations Affected: IC 20-51.

Synopsis: Schools receiving choice scholarships. Provides that an eligible school may be accredited by the state board of education or a national or regional accreditation agency that meets the standards adopted by the state board of education. Provides that the department of education may not require a school that is eligible to receive choice scholarships and accredited by a national or regional accreditation agency recognized by the state board of education to report any information that is not necessary to determine the school's eligibility to participate in the choice scholarship program.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

Schneider, Banks

January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

January 30, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-51-1-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2013,
2 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 4.7. "Eligible school" refers to a public or
4 nonpublic elementary school or high school that:

- 5 (1) is located in Indiana;
6 (2) requires an eligible choice scholarship student to pay tuition
7 or transfer tuition to attend;
8 (3) voluntarily agrees to enroll an eligible choice scholarship
9 student;
10 (4) is accredited by either:
11 (A) the state board; or
12 (B) **for a school that is an eligible school on January 1,**
13 **2014,** a national or regional accreditation agency that **is**
14 ~~recognized~~ **meets the standards adopted** by the state board;
15 (5) administers the Indiana statewide testing for educational
16 progress (ISTEP) program under IC 20-32-5;

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(6) is not a charter school or the school corporation in which an eligible choice scholarship student has legal settlement under IC 20-26-11; and

(7) submits to the department only the student performance data required for a category designation under IC 20-31-8-3.

SECTION 2. IC 20-51-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2013, SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) The department shall administer this chapter.

(b) The department shall approve an application for an eligible school within fifteen (15) days after the date the school requests to participate in the choice scholarship program.

(c) The department shall approve an application for a choice scholarship student within fifteen (15) days after the date the student requests to participate in the choice scholarship program.

(d) Each year, at a minimum, the department shall accept applications from March 1 through September 1 for:

(1) choice scholarship students; or

(2) eligible schools;

for the upcoming school year.

(e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

(f) The department may adopt emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 to implement this chapter.

(g) The department may not require an eligible school that is accredited by a national or regional accreditation agency recognized by the state board to report any information that is not necessary to determine the school's eligibility to participate in the choice scholarship program or to carry out section 9 of this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 322, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 10, after "either" insert ":

(A)".

Page 1, line 10, after "board" insert ";

Page 1, line 10, after "or" begin a new line double block indented and insert:

"(B) for a school that is an eligible school on January 1, 2014,".

Page 1, line 14, after "IC 20-32-5" insert ";

Page 1, line 14, delete "or a nationally".

Page 1, delete line 15.

Page 2, line 24, delete ":".

Page 2, line 25, delete "(1)".

Page 2, line 25, after "school" insert **"that is accredited by a national or regional accreditation agency recognized by the state board"**.

Page 2, run in lines 24 through 25.

Page 2, line 26, after "to" insert **"determine the school's eligibility to participate in the choice scholarship program or to"**.

Page 2, line 26, after "out" insert **"section 9 of"**.

Page 2, line 26, delete ";" and insert ".".

Page 2, delete lines 27 through 28.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 322 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3.

